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Charles L.A. Terreni, Esquire Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: South Carolina Electric &Gas's Combined Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, Public Convenience and Necessity and for a Base Load Review Order **Docket No. 2008-196-E** 

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Please accept this letter as comments to South Carolina Electric and Gas's ("SCE&G's") Petition for an Order permitting commencement of construction activities related to two nuclear facilities to be located at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station site near Jenkinsville, South Carolina. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not oppose commencement of construction activities as S.C. Code Ann. 58-33-110(7) states that such related activities are at the Company's risk. This statute also states that permission to proceed shall not in any way indicate approval of the proposed site or facility. Ratepayers will not be responsible for such costs unless they are deemed prudent pursuant to the Base Load Review Act.

Sincerely,

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